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U.S. Cattle Inventory Down Slightly

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2008, totaled 104.3 million head, slightly below the 104.8 million on July 1, 2007 and down 1 percent from the 105.2 million two years ago, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.4 million, was down slightly from both July 1, 2007 and July 1, 2006. Beef cows, at 33.2 million head, were down 1 percent from July 1, 2007 and 1 percent below two years ago. Milk cows, at 9.25 million, were up 1 percent from July 1, 2007 and two years ago. All heifers 500 pounds and over, at 16.5 million head, were down 1 percent from a year ago. Beef replacement heifers at 4.6 million head, were down 2 percent, and milk replacement heifers at 3.9 million head, were unchanged from July 1, 2007. Other heifers at 8.0 million head, were unchanged from last year. Steers weighing 500 pounds and over at 14.7 million head, were down 1 percent from last year. Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over at 2.1 million head, were unchanged from a year ago. Calves under 500 pounds at 28.6 million head were down slightly. All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter at 11.7 million head were down 5 percent from last year.

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